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ROUNDUP -- JULY 16-17 -- WORLD NEWS

WITH INCREASE OF COVERAGE OF WATERGATE IN THE LAST TWENTY FOUR HOURS THERE HAS BEEN VERY LITTLE REPORTING ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THIS MORNING'S BROADCASTS BROUGHT THREE REPORTS ON THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO JAPAN AND MARVIN KALB'S 1ST LINE REPORT ON THE SECRETARY AND HENRY KISSINGER WHICH ARE INCLUDED IN THIS ROUNDUP.

CBS-TV THIS MORNING CARRIED A CONVERSATION WHICH WAS HELD AT HELSINKI BETWEEN CHARLES COLLINGWOOD, CARROLL OF THE LONDON SUNDAY TIMES AND VICKLUND OF A SWEDISH NEWSPAPER ON THE POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF WATERGATE ON THE GOVERNMENT AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. IN GENERAL THE FOREIGN JOURNALISTS CONCLUDED THAT IT WOULD BE GOOD IF THE PRESIDENT WERE UNDER MORE CONGRESSIONAL RESTRAINT, THAT A MORE HEALTHY BALANCE WILL BE RESTORED AS BETWEEN THE THREE BRANCHES OF OUR GOVERNMENT AND THAT NOTHING OUT OF WATERGATE WILL AFFECT ON-

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GOING NEGOTIATIONS NOR CAUSE US TO CEASE TO BE AN

IMPORTANT INGREDIENT IN THE EVOLVING INTERNATIONAL MIX.

LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON CBS RADIO REPORTED THAT THE STRUGGLE FOR POWER BETWEEN PERONIST LEFTIST AND RIGHTIST FACTIONS IS GAINING NEW PROPORTIONS, THAT PORTUGAL'S PM CAETANO HAD ARRIVED IN LONDON BUT THAT THE THREATENED DEMONSTRATIONS HAD NOT DEVELOPED, AND THAT THE NEW ZEALANDERS WERE CONTINUING THEIR PROTEST OVER FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTING BY KEEPING A FRIGATE IN THE PROTEST ZONE. WTOP RADIO REPORTED THAT THE COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION FAVORS DETENTE WITH THE USSR AND THINKS THAT AMERICAN VETERAN GROUPS SHOULD ESTABLISH FORMAL CONTACTS WITH VETERAN GROUPS IN COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. THIS MORNING CBS REPORTED THAT GRAHAM MARTIN HAD ARRIVED IN SAIGON AND THAT FORMER PM DUAD HAS SEIZED POWER IN AFGHANISTAN, OVERTHROWING THE KING AND DECLARING THE COUNTRY A REPUBLIC. CHARLES COLLINGWOOD REPORTED FROM LONDON (CBS) THAT THE DOLLAR HAD SUDDENLY AND UNEXPECTEDLY FALLEN ON EUROPEAN MARKETS THIS MORNING AND THAT AMONG THE VARIOUS REASONS GIVEN WERE WATERGATE AND INADEQUATE SUPPORT FROM CENTRAL BANKS.

US-JAPANESE TRADE TALKS

CHARLES OSGOOD - WTOP - RADIO - MORNING NEWS -- SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS HAS CONCLUDED TRADE AND ECONOMIC TALKS WITH JAPANESE LEADERS. THE TWO SIDES APPARENTLY AGREED TO WORK TOGETHER IN INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOVIET UNION'S OIL AND GAS FIELDS IN SIBERIA; BUT THE JAPANESE DELEGATION APPEARED COOL TO AMERICAN REQUESTS FOR COOPERATION TO PREVENT WHAT THE US CALLS "DESTRUCTIVE COMPETITION FOR ME OIL."

DALLAS TOWNSEND - CBS-RADIO - MORNING NEWS -- SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS SAID TODAY IN TOKYO THAT THERE IS NO INTENTION NOW OF REDUCING THE LEVEL OF US FORCES IN THE PACIFIC AREA, SPECIFICALLY IN TAIWAN AND SOUTH KOREA. ROGERS HAS ENDED TWO DAYS OF TRADE TALKS IN TOKYO, TOMORROW HE WILL BE IN THE SOUTH KOREAN CAPITAL, SEOUL.

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CHARLES OSGOOD - WTOP-RADIO - MORNING NEWS -- SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS HAS WOUND UP TWO DAYS OF TALKS WITH JAPANESE LEADERS, TRADE THE NUMBER ONE TOPIC. SOYBEANS AND THE AMERICAN EXPORT CONTROLS WAS WHAT WAS BOTHERING THE JAPANESE MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE, BUT ROGERS SAYS HE TRIED TO REASSURE THEM ON THAT POINT.

ROGERS: "THE REASON WE HAD A PROBLEM WAS BECAUSE OF PRODUCTION FAILURES IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD AND THIS IS A VERY DIFFICULT PROBLEM FOR US HERE AT HOME. IN ORDER

TO MAINTAIN A MORE REASONABLE RATE OF INFLATION WE HAD TO TAKE THE ACTION WE DID, AND I WAS ABLE TO POINT OUT THAT WE WERE GOING TO TAKE FULLY INTO ACCOUNT JAPANESE NEEDS, THAT WE RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE PRODUCTS FOR JAPAN AND THAT THEY CAN COUNT ON THE US AS A RELIABLE SUPPLIER OF FARM PRODUCTS."

ROGERS AND KISSINGER

MARVIN KALB -- CBS-RADIO -- 1ST LINE REPORT -- THE LATEST CHAPTER IN THE ROGERS-KISSINGER FEUD. OFFICIALS AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAY THE STORY WAS INSPIRED BY THE WHITE HOUSE, PROBABLY BY HENRY KISSINGER. OFFICIALS AT THE WHITE HOUSE SAY THE STORY WAS INSPIRED BY STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS WHO ARE UNHAPPY ABOUT THE STEWARDSHIP HERE OF SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS. AND THEN OF COURSE THERE ARE NON-OFFICIALS WHO SAY THE STORY WAS INSPIRED, NOT BY THE WHITE HOUSE AND NOT BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT; BUT BY SOURCES WHO HAVE ALWAYS BEEN INTRIGUED BY THE KISSINGER-ROGERS FEUD. THE STORY IN QUESTION REPORTED LAST FRIDAY BY MY COLLEAGUE DAN RATHER IS THAT KISSINGER WILL REPLACE ROGERS AS SECRETARY OF STATE PERHAPS AS EARLY AS THIS SEPTEMBER. ALTHOUGH THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME THIS STORY HAS SURFACED IT IS THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME AND IT GOT GOOD PLAY HERE AND AROUND THE WORLD. AS RATHER SAID, IT IS A PLAN AND NOT YET A PRESIDENTIAL DECISION AND THE PLAN COULD BE SCRATCHED FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS. THEREFORE NOT THE STORY ITSELF SO MUCH AS THE IMPACT OF THE STORY UPON THE WASHINGTON BUREAUCRACY, THAT IS WHAT SEEMS UNCLASSIFIED

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SO FASCINATING. KISSINGER SAYS THE PRESIDENT NEVER TALKED TO HIM ABOUT IT AND THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS OFFICE UNDER REPEATED QUESTIONING REFUSES TO DENY IT, NOT BECAUSE IT IS TRUE OFFICIALS STRESS BUT BECAUSE IT IS THEIR MANDATE NEITHER TO DENY OR CONFIRM IT. THEIR EXPLANATION IS THE STORY HAS COME UP BEFORE AND THERE IS NO POINT IN RESPONDING TO IT EVERY TIME IT DOES. STILL THERE WAS NO DENIAL AND THAT PROMPTED OTHER REPORTERS TO WRITE ABOUT IT OVER THE PAST WEEKEND. ROGERS WAS THEN ON HIS WAY TO TOKYO AND HIS PRESS SPOKESMAN TOLD REPORTERS EN ROUTE AS WELL AS THE STATE DEPARTMENT PRESS OFFICE HERE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO COMMENT ON THE STORY, NO COMMENT AND NO SPECULATION. HOWEVER BY THE TIME THE ROGER'S PARTY ARRIVED IN TOKYO THERE HAD BEEN SOME CHANGE OF HEART, OR SO IT SEEMS. A STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL TRAVELING WITH THE

SECRETARY TALKED WITH KEYES BEECH, A REPORTER FOR THE CHICAGO DAILY NEWS, AND REPORTEDLY TOLD HIM THAT KISSINGER WAS THE SOURCE OF THE STORY THAT KISSINGER WOULD REPLACE ROGERS. REPORTER BEECH QUOTES THE OFFICIAL AS SAYING

"HENRY WANTS THE JOB ALRIGHT BUT HE IS PROBABLY TELLING THE TRUTH WHEN HE SAYS THE PRESIDENT HASN'T DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH HIM, THE REASON IS THAT KISSINGER HASN'T GOT THE GUTS TO ASK NIXON FOR THE JOB." ONE REASON KISSINGER WANTS THE SECRETARY'S JOB THIS OFFICIAL CONTINUES "IS TO GET OUT FROM UNDER THE SHADOW OF WATERGATE." WHETHER THIS QUOTED OFFICIAL HAD THE SECRETARY'S PERMISSION TO SPEAK IS UNKNOWN, WHAT IS KNOWN IS THAT ONCE THIS STORY RAN ON THE WIRE TICKERS KISSINGER BLEW HIS STACK BELIEVING THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT WAS OUT TO DISCREDIT HIM. KISSINGER DEMANDED TO KNOW WHO WAS TRAVELING WITH ROGERS AND WHO TALKED TO BEECH. WHO WAS TRAVELING WOULD BE EASIER TO FIND OUT THAN WHO TALKED. ANYWAY EACH OF THE TWO PRINCIPALS BELIEVES THAT THE OTHER, OR PEOPLE SUPPORTING THE OTHER IS OUT TO DO HIM IN, AND THE RUMORS AND THE SPECULATION AND THE BACK FIGHTING ON BOTH SIDES COMPOSE A BUREAUCRATIC WONDER TO BEHOLD. IT HAS BEEN CLEAR FOR SOMETIME THAT THERE WAS NO LOVE LOST BETWEEN KISSINGER AND ROGERS, THAT IS AN OLD STORY. IT HAS ALSO BEEN CLEAR THAT AT SOME POINT ROGERS WILL RESIGN FROM HIS JOB, SOME OF HIS FRIENDS SAY THIS FALL. AND THEN

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WHAT? ONLY THE PRESIDENT REALLY KNOWS AND HE HAS OTHER PROBLEMS ON HIS MIND FAR MORE IMPORTANT TO HIM THAN WHO RUNS THE STATE DEPARTMENT. IT HAS BEEN RUNNING, AND. RUNNING DOWN FOR SO LONG NOW THAT ANOTHER MONTH OR TWO OR THREE WON'T MAKE ANY REAL DIFFERENCE. RUSH

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